Income Tax payment by cricket players

3012. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the individual income of our National cricket players which have been paid by them during the last three financial years;

(b) what is the total tax on the income of these players individually during the last three years;

(c) whether the tax has been fully paid by them so far;

(d) whether there is any outstanding against any of them; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to recover dues from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Information in respect of Income tax payment by National cricket players is not centrally maintained. To furnish the details would require compilation of data at all the field formations spread throughout the country, and the time and efforts required would not be commensurate with the objective sought to be achieved.

(b) to (d) No reply can be given in view of reply to part (a).

(e) Apart from the statutory steps being taken for recovery of outstanding tax dues as prescribed under the Income Tax Act (including attachment of bank account, debtors etc., attachment and sale of immovable property etc.) the following special measures are also being taken to expedite recovery of direct tax arrears:

(i) Monitoring of recovery of arrears in large cases by a Task Force.

(ii) Identification of cases involving substantial amount of arrears pending before Commissioners (Appeals) and ITAT and requesting these authorities to dispose off such appeals early so that the demand can be collected during the current financial year itself.

(iii) Requesting the President of ITAT not to allow stay of demand beyond 180 days as prescribed in section 254(2A) of the Income-tax Act.

(iv) Requesting Settlement Commission to dispose off high demand cases expeditiously.

Surcharge on income tax

3013. SHRI VIYAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected by the Central Government by way of surcharge on income tax on account of Gujarat earthquake during the years 2000-01 and 2001-02;

(b) the amount disbursed to the State Government of Gujarat till date;

(c) the remaining amount yet to be disbursed to them and by when the same is proposed to be given to that State; and

(d) the reasons, if any, for delays in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) During 2000-01, an amount of Rs. 2187.82 crore was collected

as surcharge on Income-tax. This amount also included surcharge for other purposes including Kargil War and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). Separate figures for collection by way of surcharge on account of Gujarat earthquake for 2000-01 are not available. In Financial Year 2001-02, where there was no other surcharge on Income-tax in force except surcharge for Gujarat earthquake, the collection was Rs. 556.89 crore only.

(b) Government of India disbursed to the Government of Gujarat an amount of Rs. 500 crore in Financial Year 2000-01 and Rs. 967.37 crore in Financial year 2001-02 from the NCCF. Governmet of India also provided a non-plan grant of Rs. 750 crore to the State Government of Gujarat in 2001-02.

(c) The entire amount due to be disbursed to the State Government of Gujarat, as per the norms laid down under NCCF, for earthquake relief and rehabilitation has already been disbursed. No further amount is proposed to be disbursed to the State Government of Gujarat in this regard.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Drugs cases in Goa

3014. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the cases detected and investigated by Government under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 in the State of Goa in the last three years;

(b) the quantum of drugs confiscated, year-wise;

(c) the prosecution filed year-wise;

(d) the number of persons convicted and acquitted year-wise; and

(e) the steps taken for the effective implementation of the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The details of drug cases detected and investigated and seizures affected during the last three years are as under:

Drug	2005		2006		2007 (Provisional)	
	No. of cases	Qty (kg)	No. of cases	Qty(kg)	No. of cases	Qty (kg except LSD)
Cocaine	4	0.710	3	0.060	1	0.01
Ganja	10	24.42	1	10	2	22.51
Hashish	20	47.9	19	56.48	14	28.24
Heroin	2	0.11	-	-	2	15.11
Opium	-	-	-	-	1	0.530
LSD	-	-	-	-	3	2077 LSD papers